

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5-8, 10-11, 13-15, 36-39, 41-49, 51, and 60-62, 64-67, 69-72, and 74-76 are pending. Claims 3, and 5-11 are withdrawn as they are directed to a non-elected species. Claims 9, 40, 63, 68, and 73 are canceled herein.

Examiner Interview

On June 18, 2010, Applicants' attorney, Janet S. Hendrickson, had a telephonic interview with Examiner Neil Levy to discuss the merits of the appeal brief filed on April 26, 2010. Examiner Levy indicated that with the amendments made in this supplemental amendment, the claims would be allowable.

Amendments

Claims 9, 40, 63, and 68 were canceled as requested by Examiner Levy and without conceding to the propriety of the reasoning for cancelation and without prejudice to presentation of the claims in a continuing or divisional application. Dependent claim 73 has been made independent by adding the requirements of the claim to claim 62 and thus, dependent claim 73 is canceled. Claims 51 and 74 further limit the polyvinylsulfonate polymer, polyvinylsulfamate polymer, polyvinylsulfamate/vinylsulfate copolymer, vinylphosphonate/acrylic acid copolymer, and polyvinylsulfate polymer of claims 1 and 62, respectively, to require *crosslinked* polyvinylsulfonate polymer, *crosslinked* polyvinylsulfamate polymer, *crosslinked* polyvinylsulfamate/vinylsulfate copolymer, *crosslinked* vinylphosphonate/acrylic acid copolymer, and *crosslinked* polyvinylsulfate polymer.

Rejoinder

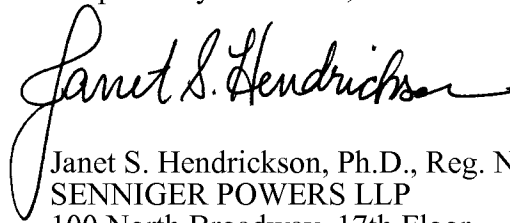
Pursuant to MPEP §821.04, Applicants again request rejoinder of withdrawn claims 3, 5-11 as they depend from claim 1, require all of the limitations of claim 1, and claim 1 is amended to include specific acid resin polymers. Furthermore, applicants submit that these claims are allowable over the references relied upon by the Office.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and requests early allowance of the pending claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any under payment or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Janet S. Hendrickson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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